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In re Application of:

William B. DeRolf and

Gavin J. Kirton

Serial No.: 09/772,626

Filed: January 30, 2001

For:

Method, System, Program, and Data Structures for Testing a

Network System Including Input/Output Devices

Group Art Unit: 2113

Examiner: Scott T. Baderman

Attorney Docket.: 5681-79800

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 17, 2004

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Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of August 17, 2004, to further highlight reasons why the captioned application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505\5681-79800.

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